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Foreword.

Some years ago I printed the story of my father's family. Since then new facts have been discovered, some errors in that first printing have been pointed out and also some additions have been made to the family history. So it has seemed best to print again the story in this form. The usual difficulty to get folk to give information leaves some gaps in this story.

I have added some information about the family of my mother and some about my great-grandfather, Paul Davis.

My especial thanks are due to Mr. Fred Benson, of Syracuse, N.Y.,

Ernest L. Benson

Elgin, Illinois
February 17, 1938

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- Joseph
- Martha
- Hall
- Combs
- Shore ?

→ JOHN
m Elizabeth Briggs
- Joseph
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Hannah
- Benjamin
- William

Mary
Sarah
Ebenezer
John
Joshua
Benjamin
Benet
Martha
Joshua
Caleb

→ SAMUEL
m Keziah Barrows

→ CONSIDER
m Elizabeth Washburn
- Patience
- John
- Lydia
- Jemima
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- Hope

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→ CONSIDER JR.
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- Peleg
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- John
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→ HIRAM
m Rhoba Davis
- Judith
- Susan
- Saxon

Edwin H
Almira R.

→ WALLACE PAUL
m Emma Hill
- Orren H.
- Marvel P.
- Clymena A

Ernest L.
m Reva Bristol

→ Mark W.
m Laura Eatinger

F. Raymond
m Vera Harmount

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THE FAMILY OF JOHN BENSON THE FIRST

John Benson, aged thirty, with his wife Mary and their children John and Mary, ~~ten~~ under four, sailed from London on April 11,1638 on the good ship Confidence, of two hundred tons. Her master was John Jobson (See Drake,Founders of New England,page 59.)They came from Caversham,Oxfordshire, in England. He landed at Boston and settled at Hingham, Massachusetts. Here his younger children were born. Martha was baptized by the Rev.Peter Hobart on Nov.3,1644. His will mentions his daughters Hall,Combs, Shore and a son Joseph.

In the reconds of Colonial Grants at Hingham is the following;

"Given unto John Benson by the Towne of Hingham for a house lott the three acres butting upon the highway leading from the playne to the common toward Weymouth, and upon the land of Edward Gillman southward, bounded with the common westwardand by the land of widow Wilder eastward."

"Given unto John Benson for a planting lott the three acrss of land lying in the playne east, bounded with the common northward and southward; and with the land of ThomasGrey a eastward; and with the land of Stephen Payne westward."

Mr.William Foster, selectman of Hingham, writes me concerning this as follows; "While I cannot definitely locate this district described as 'playne' it would seem to indicate that part of the town now called Hingham Center, where is still a small open plot known as 'The Common' and which is offen referred to as 'The Playne'. And Mr. William Lunt,President of the Hingham Historical Society, writes me concerning this ; "As near as can be determined, the original bounds having for years been obliterated, the lot was at the Cole Corner at the bend in Main Street, between the Congregational Church and the sharp turn to the left going toward the 'Great Playne.' ".

About 1657 he sold most of his lands at Hingham and mpved to Hull. In 1645 he petitioned the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony for permission to plant and build at White Head, in the Town of Hull. This was refused at first, but later was granted . He became a settler in Hull in 1657, being amoung the first settlers there. His lands were as follows;

4 home lots on Broad Bay
2 lots of Meadow on Straight River
2 lots at Alderton Hill
4 lots on Peddick's Island
1½ lots on Straight River
Meadow in Spring Cove
2 lots in Strwaberry Hill
2 " on Sucamore Hill
2 lots on White Head
1 Lot of Higge Island

In the Hull "Long Book" it is recorded that at a meeting on the first of March 1662 John Benson was chosen one of the selectmen to manage town affairs. Part of his estate in Hingham was sold to Michel Pierce of Scituate(Suffolk County Deeds,page 8-144) Edward Wilder also stated, when selling land in 1644, that he had purchased it from John Benson.(Suffolk County Deeds 148-9)

John Benson died January 13,1678. His family seems to have been as follows;

John(2) born about 1634 in Oxfordshire, England.
Mary (2) " " 1636 " "
Joseph (2) born about 1640 in Hingham, Massachusetts.
Died at Hull January 2,1706.
Martha (2) baptized Nov.3 1644 at Hingham.

His will mentions daughters Hall,Combs, and Shore. But he also mentions his "son Hall" in the body of his will. But inasmuch as John and Joseph did all of his business it may be that this was an error. Inasmuch as five pounds were to be paid to the children of his daughter Shore it seems likely that she was dead at the time. Probably the other daughters were living when he made his will. A copy of this will as furnished to me by Mr.Fred H. Benson, follows;

THE WILL OF JOHN BENSON OF HULL MASSACHUSETTS

Anno 1677, April 16th.

In the name and feare of God, Amen. I John Benson Senr.being weake and decaying in body strength yet in full and perfect understanding and memory and willing to set my house in order respecting that portion of outward good things which the Lord hath betrusted me with, I do hereby make this writing my last Will and Testam. and revoke and make void all former wills,thencommitting my Soule to the hands of my gracious God and Saviour and my body unto the dust to bee decently buried,and after my funerall expenses defrayed and lawful debts justly paid I do. Imprimis; give and bequeathe to my son John and to my son Joseph all my lands and comons and orchard equally to be divided and distributed betwixt them, and the Barne also tobe divided betwixt them and my home lot that I bought with the dwelling houses on it I do give to my son Josephand the other lot to John -and that house plot which I have verbally given already to my son Hall, my will is that he shall not sell itwithout giving to my son John the refusal thereof, and the meadows to be divided betwixt them equally. To my son John I do give a double portion of all my moveables after my wive's decease, and a single portion of all my moveables to my son Joseph after my wive's decease. Moreover I do will that my son John and my son Joseph shall pay legacies equally and alike to my daughters or their children, that is to say five pounds to my daughter Combs and five pounds to the Children of my daughter Shore dt. Item. I leave and bequeathe the use of my whole Estate both real and personal to my wife Marah Benson to be at her ordering and disposal for her use and comfort during her naturall life. And I doconstitute my beloved wife Sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And for the full conformation of this my last will and teatament I do herunto Subscribe my hand and Seale.

The mark of

JOHN (x) BENSON SENR.
And a Seale

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in the presence of us
Wit.Zachariah Witman Abraham Jones.

Mr.Zachariah Witman made oath before Joseph Dudley Esqr. and Nathaniel Saltonstall Assists. 26th of March 1679 that he was present and did see John Benson sign and seale and heard him publish this Instrumt. to be his last will& teatamt. and that he was of a disposing mind when he did so to the best of his understanding. Abraham Jones the other witness being present at the same time.

As attests.

IsaAddington, Clerk

A TRUE INVENTORY OFTHE GOODS AND ESTATE OF JOHN BENSON
Who deceased the 13th of January 1678

Imp7 his wearing clothes.	5-12
more wearing clothes	15
to bedding and bedstead	7-12-6
more " "	3- 4
to cloth.	2- 2
to a bed and bolster ticking.	1-12-6
to a piece of linen cloth.	1- 8
to three pairs of sheets40s linnen 24s . . .	3- 4
to table cloth and napkins 20s pillow beers 12s	1-12
to linnen 20s pewter pestle and morter 51s . .	3-11
to brass 34s iron pots and bellos & skillet 37s-	3-11
to armes 40s iron 18s.	2-18
to old iron 13s two tables and two chests 24s .	1-17
to books 16s woole yarn 62s.	3-18
to lumber 3-4-6 rope yard and oakum 15s. . .	3-19-6
to cart and plow 34s one yoke of oxen 9L . .	10-14
to four cows 11L sheepe 5-10 two yearlings 32s	18-2
to one horse 40s · young cattle 4-15 . . .	6-16
to swine 20 s barley 4-4 wheate 18s. . . .	6- 2
to Indian corn 3 L one third part of boat 3-4.	7
to housering and land	200
	295-10-6

This inventory taken by us
Thomas Colyer Robert Goold 20 Feb.1678
Joseph Benson presented this inventory 25 March 1679 at the time of the probate of the will, affirming that his mother, the executrix,was lame and unable to come abroad.

After the death of their mother John and Joseph administered the ~~xxxx~~ estate and the bond reads. "John Benson of Oxford in the Colony of New Plymouth, Joseph Benson of Hull and Joseph Prince of Hull" give bond since Marah Benson, relict and sole executrix of the will of John Benson Sr. late of Hull is departed this life, and the above John and Joseph Benson are appointed administrators of their father. (undated but evidently Jan.1681) Oxford may have been the early name of Rochester. (Suffolk Probate. New Series)

FAMILY OF JOHN (2) BENSON

In 1680 John (2) Benson moved to the new settlement of Rochester, Massachusetts. Apparently he lived there all of his life and died there, March 10, 1711. Little is known about him. The list of his family is not known certainly. On October 13, 1703 eight men--Samuel Arnold, Abraham Holmes, Samuel Hammond, Isaac Holmes, Jacob Bumpus, John Benson Thomas Dexter and Anthony Coomes--signed the covenant to organize the First Congregational Church of Rochester. On the church rolls appear the names of John Benson and Elizabeth Benson. But the list of the Rev. Samuel Arnold (1709) as published by the church contains the name of John Benson but not the name of Elizabeth Benson. Probably the latter was John(3) Benson and Elizabeth(Briggs) Benson.

Probably John (2) Benson married at Hull. But the early vital records are not preserved. So we have no record of the birth of his children. He does not seem to have left a will. Probably he sold the interest in the estate of his father to his brother Joseph in order that he might buy rights in the new settlement at Rochester. He is mentioned on page three of the first volumn of Rochester Records in 1680 and frequently thereafter in land transfers. He bought land in Plympton, as shown in Plymouth County deeds. On Sept. 7, 1700 he transferred a part of his Rochester lands. In 1708 and on Jan. 4, 1709/10 he conveyed lands in Rochester to his son John, and is mentioned as John Senr. of Middleboro. This was probably the residence of his estate, and shows his home lands in that part of Rochester which was set off to Middleboro in straightening the town boundaries.

To the best of our knowledge the family was as follows;

JOHN(3) BENSON JR. born at Hull about 1665. Married Elizabeth Briggs, daughter of Samuel and Benet(Ellis) Briggs of Rochester, and grand daughter of John and Catherine Briggs of Sandwich, Mass. Both died in 1725.

JOSEPH(3) of Rochester, born _____ died July 9, 1737. Married Charity Clapp in Sandwich August 20, 1696. She died Feb. 8, 1797/8 together with their first born son. He then married Deborah Smith of Taunton, April 17, 1699. She died Jan. 22, 1710/11 in her 28th year. He then married Lydia _____ about 1712.

ISAAC(3) born ____ Married Mary Bumpus in Sandwich Mass. March 17, 1698/9. They lived in Rochester until 1707, and owned lands in Plympton until 1716. They were living in Glouchester R.I. in 1723, owning lands adjoining his son, Job. The births of three children are found in Rochester records, but none at Plympton.

JACOB (3) born _____ Married Experience Brient in Rochester Dec. 13, 1711. He was living in Rochester in 1714, owned land in Plympton in 1716 and in Glouchester, R.I. in 1725 & 1726.

HANNAH (3) born _____ Married John Hunt at Rochester April 6, 1705. They were living in Plympton in 1716.

BENJAMIN (3) born _____ Married Elizabeth Brient in Plympton 1714/5. They were living in Plympton in 1716.

WILLIAM (3) born about 1680. Died at Rochester, Sep.10,1710. He married Elizabeth Stetson, daughter of Sergt. Samuel Stetson of Scituate in 1709. Of her future we know but little. She was left with an infant son, William (4) born April 16,1710. She had a married sister living in Rochester and many relatives living in Scituate and had property from her father's estate. The son, William, married Elizabeth Ellis at Rochester. Intention of marriage August 12,1738. Marriage March 22,1739.

FAMILY OF JOHN (3) BENSON

John (3) Benson, born about 1665, died after 1725. He married Elizabeth Briggs about 1687. They continued to live in Rochester and were members of the Rochester Congregational Church and prominent in that community. It is said that they deeded land to each of their sons excepting Benjamin, who died Aug.27,1710. On May 2,1725 they conveyed lands to their sons Joshua and Caleb. These lands were in Rochester, Middleboro and Plympton. They reserved the use of half for themselves during their lifetime. (Plymouth deeds 19;28)
Their children were as follows;

Mary(4) born Mar.10,1688. Probably died 1711.
Sarah(4) born July 15,1690.No further record.
Ebenezer (4) born Mar.16,1693.Married Joanna Andrews Aug.30,17~~18~~17
John (4) born July 10,1696. He may be the John Benson who died of smallpox at Costers Harbor R.I.in 1739.
Joshua (4) } Twins born Mar.10,1697.
Benjamin (4) }
Benet (4) born Sep.10,1698. Neither her death nor her marriage arerecorded at Rochester.
Martha.(4) born March 5,1703. Married William LeBarron Nov.3,172 He died may 10,1744. She then married William Parker May 25, 1745. They had nine children.
Joshua (4) } Twins. Born Jan.29,1705. Joshua married Sarah Shurtleff Apr.7,1746 and died Oct.9,1781. Caleb married Deborah Barrows Jan.11,1732.
Caleb (4) }
Samuel (4) born March 22,1707 Married Keziah Barrows daughter of George Barrows of Plympton, Nov.21, 1728. Deborah, wife of Caleb, was her sister. He married a second time, May 22,1769, a widow, Agnes Tinkham.

FAMILY OF SAMUEL(4) BENSON

SAMUEL (4) BENSON was born March 22,1707. He married Keziah Barrows Nov.21,1728 in Plympton. After her death he married Mrs. Agnes Tinkham, widow of Joseph Tinkham. Probably they first lived in Plympton and later at Wareham, Mass. Keziah joined the church there Jan.24,1741/2. He was baptized there on May 30,1742. Their five oldest children were baptized there on Mar.31,1745. From Wareham they probably moved to Middleboro, because Samuel joined the Congregational Church at Middleboro in 1750. His children were as follows.

CONSIDER(5) born April 16,1730. Died Jan.16,1802. He married Elizabeth Washburn Dec.25,1751

PATIENCE (4) born Aug.28,1732. Married Johnathan Cobb.Jr. April 4,1751.

JOHN (5) born Aug.23,1734. Married Priscilla Tinkham Dec.15,1757

LYDIA (5) born Aug.27,1736.

Jemima (5) born May.7,1739. Married Norris Jr.Sep.17,1761.

FAITH (5)
HOPE (5) } Twins Faith married John Thomas Jr. Mar.18,1762. Hope married Josiah Briggs of Wareham Sep.3,1762. It is said that Faith was born just before midnight of the 31st and that Hope was born a few minutes after twelve o'clock. So she was born Sept.1st Thus they were born on different days of the week and in different months of the year.

THE FAMILY OF CONSIDER (5) BENSON

Consider (5) Benson was born April 16,1730 and died Jan.16,1802. He married Elizabeth Washburn of Plympton. This was published Aug.3,1751. They were married Dec.23,1751. The date of her birth and death are not given.

In "MASSACHUSETTS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE REVOLUTION" is the following;

"Consider Benson of Middleboro, First Lieutenant, Capt. Perez Churchill's (9th)Co.,4th Plymouth Regt; Lieut of Massachusetts Militia; commissioned May 9,1776; also 1st Lieut. acting as Capt.of Middleboro Co;marched to Howlands Ferry R.I. on alarm Dec.8,1776;service 5 days; also Capt.Churchill's Co. Col.Ebenezer Sprout's Regt; enlisted may 6 1776; discharged May 9,1776. Enlisted Sep.6,1778;discharged Sept.13,1778;service 9 days in two alarms at Dartmouth."

All men subject to military duty had to belong to the militia and spend time drilling and doing police work to keep the Tories in submission. They had to furnish their own guns and to keep on hand a specified amount of ammunition and to furnish their own uniforms if they had any. This did not count as service and they were not paid for it. But they were called out on alarms by the Commonwealth and they were then paid a small amount for this service and this is the service credited above. The lists were made up from the treasurers of the colony.

From a personal examination of the recordsa at Middleboro I found the following children of Consider and Elizabeth.

_____	a son born Mar.7,1754.
WILLIAM(6)	Born June 4,1756
PATIENCE (6)	BornMarch 2,1758
Molly (6)	BornApril 17,1760
SAMUEL (6)	Born July 17,1762
CONSIDER (6)	Born Sep.4,1764
PELEG (6)	Born Dec.18,1766
ELIZABETH (6)	Born Mar.23,~~1768~~ 1769
ABISHAI (6)	Born Mar.23,1771
JOHN (6)	Born October 20.1773
EBENEZER (6)	Born Dec.1,1776

FAMILY OF CONSIDER (6) BENSON JR.

Consider (6) Benson was born Sept.4,1764. He married Hannah Purrington of Bowdingham, Maine. She was born Mar.9,1764. (Another date given is June 17,1769). The Middleboro records show that this marriage was published May 13,1787. And Consider is called Consider Jr. They were married Nov.21,1787,probably at Middleboro. The tradition of the family is that Consider Jr. moved to New Salem, Massachusetts. But the records of that town were burned so it is not possible to verify this. I believe that this was true because my father and my Aunt Clymena often said it was. How long he lived there and when he moved we do not know But we do know that he moved to western New York. Judge Alfren Benson has it that Peleg Benson and Chileon Washburn went to western New York from New Salem about 1819. Being attracted by the new country they returned to Massachusetts and moved their families to New York. Murray Davis has it that it was Erastus Washburn instead of Chileon. and that they came from Barnstable, Mass. I do not believe this because inquiry at Barnstable brought me the following from the Town Clerk ;"There is no record of any family by the name of Benson in this town previous to 1800." The family tradition is that my ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ grandfather, Hiram Benson, was born at New Salem. And my cousin, Miss.Henrietta Benson, tells me that her father told her that Consider Benson Jr. came from New Salem to Chautauqua County New York in 1919. He also said that Consider Benson fought in the war of 1812 and was present at the burning of Buffalo.

It is certain that Consider Benson Jr. lived the rest of his life around Jamestown, N.Y. He and his wife lived the last years of their lives with their son Peleg at Falconer N.Y. Consider's wife died in 1844 and he continued to live with his son Peleg. He died in a house that stood where the depot of the Dunkirk, Allegheny and Pittsburgh R.R. now stands in Falconer N.Y. I talked with Mrs. Jane Cass of Falconer N.Y. She said she could remember Consider Benson and also the day of his funeral She says it was a time of heavy snow. The father of Mrs. Cass went to the funeral with a sled and an ox team. The box or coffin was placed upon such a conveyance and they were gone most of the day on the journey to the graveyard where was the burial. I searched to find the place where Consider was buried. I am convvnced that it was in the Stillwater Cemetery near Jamestown. My reasons are that I cannot find any record of the burial in any other cemetery. And Mrs. Cass remembers that the daughter of Consider--Dolly-was buried here. It seems reasonable that the family would all be buried in one place. And there is a part of this cemetery filled with unmarked graves. I conclude that he was buried here, a wooden marker used, that this has decayed and so the grave is unmarked.

Consider Benson Jr. was a tall,strong man,dark and very quiet. He would not readily talk about himself. All that we know about his wife is that she smoked a pipe and believed in witches. Hannah Purrington died in 1844. Consider Benson Jr. died at Falconer, N.Y.April 3,1855. His children were as follows.

DOLLY (7) born 1788. The date of her death is not given If she was buried at Jamestown it must have been after 1820.

BETSEY (7) born 1790.Married Simeon C. Davis, a brother of Rhoba Davis.

PELEG (7) bornMar.3,1793. Married Hannah Washburn. He died Oct.29,1870

Hiram (7) born July 7, 1800 in New Salem Mass. He married Rhoba Thomas Davis Feb.20,1828 at CarolN.Y.

JUDITH (7) born June 27, 1801. Married Erastus Washburn May 1825.

SUSAN (7) born April 3,1803.Married Levi Jones.

SAXON (7) born 1805. Married Luiana Washburn.

NOTE.

These children married three Washburns and two Davises.

FAMILY OF HIRAM (7) BENSON

Hiram (7) Benson was born July 7, 1800 in New Salem Mass. He moved with his father to western New York about 1820. He married Rhoba Davis at Carol, N.Y. Feb.20,1828. He died near Cary, Illinois, upon the farm of my other grandfather,Benjamin Hill, on March 25,1869. He had lived at several places near Jamestown,N.Y. His son Wallace was born at Little Valley. His son Orren was born at "the mill". This was located on a little creek called Bone Run and near Jamestown N.Y.Philetus was born at Jamestown. My aunt Clymena says they moved from the mill to Poland and lived there two or three years. Then they moved to Medina. They lived where there were Indians for grandmother told how they would sneak around and peek into windows. A friend, Orren Hook helped my grandfather get a start with a little saw mill on Bone Run. He did well. The yard was soon full of lumber. He hired a tramp to watch the mill at night. The saw ran up and down between wooden bearings and needed frequent greasing. I suppose that this was all the tramp had to do all night. But he fell asleep. The bearings got dry and the mill was soon in flames. My grandfather wakened just in time to see the roof fall in. This happened on a Friday and my grandmother was always certain afterward that Friday was an unlucky day. She would never start anything on a Friday. My grandfather never recovered from this loss. After a time a brother-in-law "uncle" Jerry Brown,who lived at Jeddo N.Y. persuaded my grandfather to move there. He did so, working on the farm of this Jerry Brown. This farm lies to the edge of Jeddo and on the north side of the highway.Mr.Almon J. Brown writes me as follows; " The house where Uncle Hiram Benson lived is still standing, owned by a widow, Mrs.Marshall Wright. (It is situated a little to the west of the Brown farm.) The old school house is altered somewhat but the main room where Wallace,Orren,Philetusamd Clymena Benson labored is just as it used to be. ******Uncle Hiram came to Jeddo in the early fifties." In 1922, with my mother and brother Mark, I visited Jeddo.I found the old house still standing and the schoolhouse still in use. The school house has had another room added and it has been moved across the road. The room where my father went to school is the north room as it now stands. The building is about one mile east of Jeddoand stands on the northwest corner of four corners. Hiram Benson moved to Illinois about 1854. First he lived near Cary, Ills. Later he lived at Woodstock and my father went to the war from Woodstock. In later years Hiram Benson lived with his son Orren near Cary, Ills. on the farm of my grandfather, Benjamin Hill. He died on this farm. His wife moved to Maywood and lived the rest of her life there with her son Orren. She died there August 26,1888. Hiram Benson and his wife are buried in the lot of Orren Benson in FOREST HOME CEMETERY near Chicago, Illinois

The children of Hiram and Rhoba Benson were as follows;

FERONIA(8) Born April29,1830. Died May 9,1831 at Carol N.Y.
EDWIN HIRAM (8) BornJan.28,1832. Died Feb.16,1920 at Los Angel es California.
ALMIRA RHOBA (8) BornNov.25,1833. Died Jan.1,1927 at Independance, Iowa.
WALLACE PAUL (8) Born August 9,1836 at Little Valley N.Y. Died July 28, 1895 at Algonquin, Ills where hs is buried.
ORREN HOOK (8) BornSept.13,1838. Died Nov.12,1917 at Maywood, Illinois
MARVEL PHILETUS (8) BornMar.17,1841. Died Nov.3,1915 in Chicago, Illinois.
Clymena Abagail (8) BornJan. 16,1847. Died May 13,1933 at Maywood, Illinois

FAMILY OF EDWIN (8) HIRAM BENSON

Edwin Hiram Benson was born at Carol N.Y. Jan.28,1830. He married Elvira Eunice Miller at Algonquin, Illinois on May 15, 1861. Much of his life thereafter was spent upon his farm which is located about two miles north of Algonquin, Illinois. Afterward he moved to Maywood and then to LosAngeles, California He died there at the home of his daughter, Mary,Feb.16,1920. and is buried there.His wife had died there a few years before his death. His children were;

LEWIS ORREN (9) born July 5,1863.
FRANKLIN JESSE. (9) born Jan.15,1865. DiedMar.16,1871. He is buried at Algonquin, Ills.
MARY ELVIRA (9) born Jan.3,1868.
GRACE HOLMES (9) born June4,1874.
EDWIN MILLER (9) born March 4, 1869. Died December 29,1924.

Lewis O. Benson married Mary Garvin at Algonquin Ils.Mar.27,1885. Their children were as follows.

Mabel Grace (10) born Feb.23,1886 at Algonquin, Ills. She married Garfield Holloway at Petersburg Va.
Jessie Maude (10) born June 28,1887 at Algonquin, Ills She married Waverly Moore.
Edwin Bryce (10) Born Dec.26,1890 at Maywood Ills.
Myrtle Elvira (10) born Nov.24,1896.at Petersburg Va.

Mary Elvira Benson married Sidney J. Thomson at Maywood,Ills. June 24,1898. Later she moved to Los Angeles with her parents. She still lives there. She had no children.

Edwin M. Benson married Mary Beck at Decatur Alabama Feb.___1895. They had two girls.

Marion Esther (10) born _____ She marriedArthur Denison in 1913. Their first child was Arthur Jr. born Oct.10,1913.
Grace Mildred Davis (10) born in Denver Colo.Feb.5,1900. She married F.R.Pitman in 1917. Their first child was Robert P. born Sep.17,1918.

Grace Holmes married John C. Sayers Dec.26,1906 in Chicago,Ils. They moved to Fairbanks, Alaska where two sone were born.

Jemes Edwin (10) born nov.28,1908
John Claudius (10) born June 28,1914.

They still live in LosAngeles, California.

FAMILY OF ALMIRA (8) RHOBA BENSON

Almira Rhoba Benson was born Nov.25,1833. She married William J. Miller at Algonquin, Illinois on October 12,1858. They later moved to Iowa were he died in 18[illegible]. She died at the home of her daughter Clara Jan.1,1927. Her family were as follows;

CLARA IDA (9) bornJan.15,1859. She married Charles E.Boies Jan.26,1880. He died July 2,1920. Their children were.
- Ethel (10) born Feb.15,1882. Her family are given below.
- Inez Marion (10) born Feb.22,1888.
- Burr (10) born June 3,1890. He was a member of Company G. 352nd Infantry in the world war and died in France Oct.13,1918.

HIRAM (9) bornMar.27,1862. Died July 12,1878.
KATE (10) born Aug.23,1864. Died May 9/1885.
RUTH (9) born May 5,1867. She married Oscar Lotts Feb.8,1897. She died June 12,1901.

The family of Ethel Boies.
She married Edwin M. Wilcox Aug.2,1905.
Their children were
- Marion (11) Born Oct.17,1908. She married Harold Beach Aug.30,1928. Their first child was Robert Dean born Aug.31,1931.
- Charles E. (11) born Oct.4, 1910

Hiram Benson

Rhoba T. Davis-Benson

Wallace P. Benson

FAMILY OF WALLACE PAUL BENSON

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Wallace Paul Benson was born in New York state Aug.2,1836. He was born in Cataraugus County and we believe at Little Valley. He came to Illinois with his father about 1856. While they lived at Woodstock he and his brother Orren enlisted in Company H 36th Illinois volunteers/ in the Civil War. They went into camp at Aurora,Illinois. They first went into Missouri, going in box c ars by railroad to the end of the line at Rolla. From that place they marched clear across the state,taking part in the battle of Pea Ridge. From that place they marched back to Cape Girardeau and were taken by boat to Cincinnati and Louisville. He took part in the battle of Perryville where he was woulded in the left hip. He carried the bullet the remainded of his life. And an infection from this wound caused his death July 28,1895. He married Emma Hill at Algonquin, Illinois April 18,1866. She was born Feb.14,1847 and died at the home of her eldest son in Elgin, Ills onSep.4,1934.

Wallace first entered into a partnership with his brother Edwin to engage in farming. Soon he sold out to his brother, and bought a farm on Kishwaukee Prairie in McHenry County. After a year he sold this farm and purchased the home farm near Algonquin, Illinois, adjoining his broth er Edwin. This farm has remained in the family ever since. In 1881 health forced him to quit farming and he bought a home in Algonquin, Ills. He lived there the remainded of his life. His family were as follows.

ERNEST LEON, born Dec.30,1867 on the farm which Wallace and Edwin were then working together. He graduated from the Algonquin, Ills. high school.from Elgin Academy in 1888 and from Beloit College in 1892. Immediately after graduating from Beloit he taught in the academy there for two years and then entered Yale Divinity School. The death of his father necessitated that he change to Chicago Theological Seminary. He graduated from this school in 1897. He served churches in Poplar Grove and in Belvidere, Illinois and in ~~Madison~~ Madison and in Burlington, Wisconsin. While in Madison he served as state registrar of the state Congregational Conference for six years and was one of the editors of Church Life, the state Congregational paper. He also served upon various state committees of the churches. On Sept.3,1914 he was appointed national chaplain of the Sons of Veterans. In the grand parade of the G.A. R. at Washington in 1915 he marched in the G.A.R. ranks with his uncle Orren, taking his father's place. On June 22,1933 he married Reva Ernestine Bristol of Vergennes, Vermont. They were married at Madison, the Rev. W.A. Elliott of Barberton, Ohio officiating. Miss.Bristol is a descendant of Henry Bristol who settled in the New Haven, Conn, colony in 1642, coming from Kent and Surry, England to the United States.

MARK WALLACE (9) was born May 26, 1870 on the home fram near Algonquin. He married Laura Eatinger on Sep.16,1896. For a time he worked the home farm. He moved to Thedford, Neb. in 1902 and lived there eight years. Returning he purchased a home In Dundee, Illinois. His family follows later.

FRANK RAYMOND (9) was born June 18,1883 at Algonquin, Ills. He moved to Belvidere, Ills in 1901 and attended school there. On April 18,1906 he married Vera Laota Harmount, his brother Ernest officiating. In 1900 he moved to Elgin, Illinois, buying a home there. He became associate editor of Poultry Keeper and held the position for years.

Ernest L. Benson was born Monday about 8 A.M.
Mark W. Benson was born Thursday about 5 P.M.
F.Raymond Benson was born Thursday about 10 A.M.

FAMILY OF MARK W. BENSON

Mark Benson married Baura Eatinger. She was born May 7,1875 and died July 14,1936. Their children were.

LLOYD MARK (10) born Jan.27,1900 on the home farm near Algonquin. He graduated from Elgin Academy and from Stout Institute of Menominee, Wisconsin. He taught in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan and now teaches in the West Side High School in Madison.Wis. On Aug.2,1927 he married Doris Elaine Foote. They have two children.

Wallace Dwight (11) born June 12,1929

Donald Lee (11) born Sep.16,1932

ALYS IONE (10) born at Thedford Neb.Feb.21,1904 She attended Colorado College and there married John Mitchell Tallman Oct.16,1925. Their children are

John Junior } Twins born June 8,1926 at
Barbara Jean } Colorado Springs Colo.

Carolyn Marie (11) born Sep.1,1927 at Dundee Ill.

Thora May (11) born May 16,1929 at Dundee Ills.

Ruth Mary (11) born Nov.16,1937 at Elmhurst Ill.

EMMA FEROL (10) born Nov.26,1905 at Thedford Neb.

NINA RUTH (10) born Sep.8,1911 at Thedford Neb. ON Dec.28,1935 she married Howard R.Erwin of Ames, Iowa, her uncle Ernest officiating. They live at Ames.

FAMILY OF ORREN HOOK BENSON

Orren Hook Benson was born Sept. 12,1838 and died at Maywood Illinois Nov.12,1917. He enlisted in Company H. of the 36th Illinois Volunteers in the Civil War, was captured at Chicamauga, imprisoned in Libby Prison, caught smallpox and barely escaped with his life. After the war he carried on the farm of my grandfather, Benjamin Hill,for a time. Then he moved to Maywood,Ills. He was postmaster there for a number of years and was later elected mayor. He engaged in the real estate business and continued in this to his death. He married Ella Lawrence June 9,1876. His wife was born at Weybridge Vt. June 28,1856. She came to Chicago in 1871. She died at Maywood Ills. Dec.9,1918. Their children were as follows.

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NELLIE CLYMENA (9) born April 28, died Feb.20,1899

HIRAM(9) died in infancy
JENNIE RHOBA (9) born Sep.12,1879. Died Aug.10,1901.
PAUL (9) died in infancy.
EDWIN WALLACE (9) Born Nov.30,1884.He married Mrs.Nettie Walker July 8,1916.
BRUCE (9) born Dec.29,1889. Married Hazel O'Sullivan on Sep.27,1913. They have one child
JOSEPH (10) born Jan 21,1916

FAMILY OF MARVEL PHILETUS BENSON

Marvel Philetus Benson was born March 17,1841 and died in Chicago November 3,1915. For many years he was a railroad conductor, living in Clinton Iowa and in Albert Lea Minnesota. Afterward he moved to Chicago. He married Margaret Shaver Aug.27,1866. She was born June 3,1839 and died January 10,1914. Their children are as follows.

FLORENCE E.(9) born Jan.30,1868. She married Frank Clark May 19,1886. Their children were;
HOWARD E. (10) born Oct.31,1897
He married Harriett Hodason Nov.1,1924 and their children are
Nona Beverly born June 30,1926
Howard Dewey Jr. born Oct.27,1928.
Hazel G. (10) born Nov.1,1887 She married Arthur Lunjgren Dec.18,1912. Their children are.
Florence Olga born Mar.2,1914
Helen Marie born July 8,1918
Harold R.(10) born Jan.5,1893. Died May 19,1894

HIRAM H. (9) born Nov.20,1869. Married Susie Zenner Nov.20,1896. Their children are
Harry H Jr.born Jan.1,1898. He married Irma Strong in 1922 **
Virginia born June 25,1899. She married Ray Ryan in 1921 ** They have one child Ray Ryan Jr born July 21,1927 **

BURR A. (9) born October 6,1871 Married Florence Underdown Oct.17,1900

FRED E.(9) Born May 16,1874. Died May 21,1894.

EARL E. (9) born April 12,1877. Married Margaret Grimes Jan.30,1904. Their children are
Franklyn M. (10) born March 28,1911
Margaret Carol (10) born March 21,1916.

** These dates are given me by my cousin Flora and are from memory so they may not be correct.

ABOUT PAUL C. DAVIS

My great grandfather was the Rev. Paul C. Davis, son of Phineas Davis and Priscilla Wood. He was born in Mendon Mass on Nov.10,1760. He died at Carroll N.Y.Dec.28,1826. He enlisted as a drummer boy in the revolutionary was on Jan.12,1781 and was discharged as a sargeant on June 8,1782. His company was that of Phineas Bowman and in the 5th Massachusetts regiment under Col. Rufus Putnam. I copy this from the Chapin Book Vol.1

"In early life Mr.Davis served three years in he Continental army (note this does not quite fit the dates above) and then sett;ed at Wardsboro Vermont where he became pastor of the Baptist Church. He removed to New Salem, Mass and was settled over the Baptist Society of that place. He subsequently removed to Ellicott (afterwards Carroll) N.Y. Rachel died there. Mr. Davis afterward married Mrs.Electa Smiley Feb.1824."

My grandmother, Rhoba Davis, was born at Wardsboro, Vt. And I believe this makes clear that Consider Benson Jr. did move to New Salem Mass.

When my grandmother was leaving home her father wrote her the following letter. The original, by the kindnessof my aunt Clymena, is in my possession.

Ellicott September 27,1824

Dear Child;

Agreeable to your desire and my own inclination I send you a few lines in hast. As nothing unusual has transpired since I saw you, consequently I have little else to inform you ofm but that we are all well, as also are our neighbors.

We were glad to hear that you are in health. I hope you will continue steady and will ever deserve the approbation of all who know you.Steady habits when formed in youth have a happy influence on the mind and conduct when grown to years. A mild and modest deportment are features of an amiable character in any person, but especially in a female. It is respectable to cultivate sociability in company,but disrespectful to be too forward in talk and loud laughter. Be reserved in the company you keep,whether male or felame.Be not lavish of your hours on a visit, but return home in season by day or night. Value your reputation above everything else in the world. I suppose you understand me.Purchase those things which you need,but not everything you would desire. Lay up as much of your wages as you can,for you may live to want them. When conversation turns in company on the character of any person be sure that you speak only of their good things but cover their faults. I wish you would read a portion of Dcripture every day,when your business will admit it; you may find a benefit from it at some future period.

I desire that you would always reverence the God that made you in all you do and say. Do regard religion as your best and first good;you will know that it was the only support of the mind of your dear mother in the hour of her dissolution. If you will commit these particulars to memory and put them in Practice continually they will prove a blessing through life.

Yours Respectfully

Paul Davis.

MY MOTHER'S FAMILY

CORNELIUS HILL. b. March 3, 1765, died Nov. 12, 1815. He married Elizabeth Anderson Jan. 25, 1786. Elizabeth Anderson was the child of Peter Anderson (b. 1719) and Mary Curry (b. 1739). She was born Sept. 10, 1768. Their children were: Phoebe, b. Sept. 4, 1790. Noah, b. Jan. 19, 1793. Mary, b. September 6, 1799. James, b. March 9, 1802. Cornelius, Jr., b. Sept. 7, 1809.

Noah (2) Hill lived in Putnam and Steuben counties in New York. He married Priscilla Miller Jan. 1, 1814. He died about 1869. His children were: John A., b. Aug. 6, 1815. Married Emeline Thompson. Benjamin Miller, b. Jan. 18, 1819. Elliott Smith Miller, b. Dec. 6, 1820. He married Mary E. Newbury in 1846. Mary E. and Martha (twins) born April 26, 1822. Mary married David Rosecans in 1842, and Martha married John Hadden in 1841. Daniel, b. May 13, 1824. James Harvey, b. March 3, 1826. He married Betsey Miller in 1862. Susan, b. April 3, 1828. She married George Bailey in 1847. Alfred, b. Dec. 7, 1829. He was drowned. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 23, 1832. She married Lathrop Drew in 1849. Cyrus C., b. Sept. 22, 1834. Peter A., b. March 28, 1838.

Benjamin Miller Hill. b. in Putnam county, N. Y. Married Eliza Narsissa Miller in McHenry county, Ill., in 1846. She was born in Tioga county, N. Y. He died Sept. 1, 1863. She died Nov. 23, 1862. Their children were: Emma, b. Feb. 14, 1847. She married Wallace Benson April 18, 1866. Helen Anna, b. July 26, 1849. She married Henry Chase. Charles, b. March 12, 1852. Frank Benjamin, b. Jan. 31, 1862. He married Charlotte Adams.

Noah Hill

Priscilla Hill.

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